

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20200309-03

Date: March 9, 2020

Subject: Recommendations on Texas Gas Rate Structure to Encourage Energy Conservation

Motioned By: Vice Chair White Seconded By: Commissioner Blackburn

Recommendation: The Resource Management Commission recommends that the Austin City Council make the following a priority when adopting updated rates for Texas Gas in order to allow customers to realize meaningful economic benefits from conserving energy in a way that reduces natural gas consumption, the:

1. Set the fixed monthly fee at level that results in a comparable contribution to base revenue as the fixed fees at Austin Energy and Austin Water; and

2. Examine implementing consumption rates with two or three tiers that increase with the volume of gas used.

Vote: 8-2

For: Vice Chair White and Commissioners Blackburn, Brenneman, Chavarria, Fralin, Harmon, Johnson, and Smith.

Against: Chair Dielmann, Commissioner Babyak

Abstain: None

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Absent: None

Vacancies: 1

Attest:

Jamie Mitchell, Staff Liaison